## **District Court Filings in Iowa (2004-2018)**

Calendar		Serious Simple		MH/SA			Small Claims		
Year	Civil	Criminal	Misdemeanors	Juvenile	Commitment	Probate	& Infractions	Total	
2004	72,658	87,844	746,020	14,009	8,772	16,108	96,786	1,042,197	
2005	71,723	89,858	725,036	14,756	9,215	15,742	98,108	1,024,438	
2006	73,210	80,901	784,945	14,443	9,883	15,359	105,073	1,083,814	
2007	74,532	84,577	739,239	13,165	10,058	14,763	107,540	1,043,874	
2008	76,867	82,570	709,170	12,179	10,600	14,684	116,334	1,022,404	
2009	82,769	83,817	718,370	11,954	11,190	14,360	110,947	1,033,407	
2010	83,243	87,739	647,921	12,569	11,419	14,199	94,830	951,920	
2011	81,535	86,891	635,034	12,668	11,904	14,297	83,112	925,441	
2012	73,621	88,462	626,791	12,668	12,470	14,051	80,307	908,370	
2013	68,221	87,691	580,533	12,407	12,706	14,051	73,022	848,631	
2014	64,127	83,868	542,344	11,303	13,087	14,292	70,463	799,484	
2015	60,436	83,156	490,655	10,883	13,501	14,446	66,896	739,973	
2016	59,511	85,829	491,309	11,172	14,133	13,943	69,968	745,865	
2017	65,603	87,731	491,165	12,128	14,197	14,394	79,727	764,945	
2018	61,744	93,105	475,723	12,088	13,709	14,325	87,380	758,074	

## Percent Change in Court Filings, 2004-2018

	Serious	Simple		MH/SA		Small Claims		
Civil	Criminal	Misdemeanors	Juvenile	Commitment	Probate	& Infractions	Total	
-15.0%	6.0%	-36.2%	-13.7%	56.3%	-11.1%	-9.7%	-27.3%	
				Excluding	-4.7%			

## Percent Change in Court Filings, 2017-2018

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		Serious Simple			MH/SA	Small Claims			
	Civil	Criminal	Misdemeanors	Juvenile	Commitment	Probate	& Infractions	Total	
•	-5.9%	6.1%	-3.1%	-0.3%	-3.4%	-0.5%	9.6%	-0.9%	
					3.1%				

## Notes:

- 1) Table data updated for the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) by State Court Administration on February 8, 2019.
- 2) Civil filings include civil contract and personal injury cases over \$5,000, domestic relations, real property, mortgage foreclosures, small claims appeals, and contempt actions. They do not include filings for distress warrants, foreign judgments, liens, seized property hearings, and transcripts of judgment.
- 3) Serious criminal filings include felonies, serious and aggravated misdemeanors, and probation revocations.
- 4) Simple misdemeanor filings include mostly State traffic violations plus other simple misdemeanors.
- 5) Juvenile filings include juvenile delinquency, child in need of assistance (CINA), family in need of assistance (FINA), and parental notification cases. This does not include juvenile commitment cases.
- 6) MH/SA commitment filings refer to juvenile and adult mental health (MH) or substance abuse (SA) hospitalization/commitment cases filed.
- 7) The Judicial Branch stopped including contempt actions and probation revocations with "filings" on July 1, 2006, and this accounts for most of the reduction in filings in 2006. The 2007 through 2018 data includes probation revocations in criminal filings. Data for contempt filings is included in civil and small claims filings from 2007 through 2018.



